

# MEN 'CLUTTERED UP' U. OF M. DORMITORY, MISS SIMPSON SAYS

## Conditions on Visiting Nights "Positively Disgusting," She Testifies.

Declaring conditions in the girls' dormitory in which she was living at the University of Maryland were so bad on visitors' evenings as to be disgusting, Vivian Simpson, who is suing for a writ of mandamus to compel Albert F. Woods, president of the university, to reinstate her, again took the stand in the Baltimore city court yesterday to refute statements to the effect that she was a persistent violator of the school rules.

Phyllis Morgan, a student, testified that Miss Simpson had on various occasions endeavored to stir up the girls to open rebellion against authority and that she had made slighting remarks regarding members of the faculty. On cross-examination, Miss Morgan admitted most of the statements she had made were hearsay and Judge Charles Heusler struck her testimony from the record.

Lillian O. Ernest, another student, testified that on many occasions Miss Simpson, attired in a 'kimono' passed through the hall of the dormitory when other coeds were entertaining men friends, and when remonstrated with declared herself to be a "man hater."

### Men "Cluttered Up" Rooms.

In rebuttal Miss Simpson admitted that on one or two occasions she had to pass from her room in the dormitory to the kitchen and in order to do so had to pass one of the sitting rooms. "Men were cluttering up all of the sitting rooms and the steps, too," the witness declared, her eyes flashing. "It was positively disgusting and I complained about it," she added.

It was shown that in this particular dormitory other students, who it is said are still at the university, were also guilty of violating the regulation regarding kimonos.

All through the hearing yesterday counsel for the university and the petitioner had frequent clashes over the admissibility of evidence. An attempt was made to introduce certain documentary evidence regarding charges said to have been filed against faculty members by students at the university in the form of a newspaper account. This effort was blocked, the court holding it was not relevant to the cause on trial.

### Woods Refuses to Testify.

President Woods refused to take the witness stand and the defense, resting its case following the testimony of A. F. Shoomaker, member of the board of regents for the university, who stated the board had indorsed the action of Dr. Woods in denying Miss Simpson readmission to the university.

Mr. Shoomaker testified that Dr. Woods appeared before the board several months after the filing of the petition for mandamus and stated his case. The witness admitted the other side of the case was not heard, and that when the fact that charges had been filed against the faculty was brought to the attention of the board no formal investigation was ordered, but effort to get possession of the affidavits filed was made by a single member in behalf of the board.

Concluding arguments by counsel will be heard by Judge Heusler Monday morning and a decision is expected at that time.